<u>CITY OF AUBURN</u> <u>AUBURN, NEBRASKA</u>

COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Auburn Auburn, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Auburn, Nebraska as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

City of Auburn Auburn, Nebraska

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse and Qualified Opinion on the Enterprise Fund on Business-Type Activities

The financial statements referred to above include only the government of the City of Auburn, Nebraska, which consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments and offices that comprise the City's legal entity. Management has not included the enterprise fund of the Auburn Board of Public Works, which the modified cash basis of accounting requires to be reported with the financial data of the City's financial statements. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities, net position, revenues and expenses of the government-wide financial statements has not been determined.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Enterprise Fund and Qualified Opinion on Business-Type Activities" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the Auburn Board of Public Works, Auburn, Nebraska, as of September 30, 2016, or the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Enterprise Fund and Qualified Opinion on Business-Type Activities" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position – modified cash basis of the City of Auburn, Nebraska, as of September 30, 2016 and the changes in financial position – modified cash basis thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position – modified cash basis of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, other than the Enterprise Fund, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the primary government of the City of Auburn, Nebraska, as of September 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position – modified cash basis thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 1 of the basic financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The basic financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

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Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on pages 22 through 23 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in a appropriated operational, economic or historical context. Our opinion on the financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the basic financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Auburn, Nebraska's financial statements. The other supplementary information on pages 25 through 30 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The other supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, based on our audit, the procedures performed as described above, the other supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated December 5, 2016 on our consideration of the City of Auburn, Nebraska's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the City of Auburn, Nebraska's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Certified Public Accountants

Omaha, Nebraska December 5, 2016

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – MODIFIED CASH BASIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash in bank Certificates of deposit Cash in custody of County Treasurer Special assessments receivable Capital assets: Non-depreciable Depreciable, net		\$	2,364,692 75,150 63,657 71,313 407,023 5,770,026
Total assets		_	8,751,861
	<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Deferred revenue - special assessments Other liabilities Bonds payable: Due within one year Due in more than one year Total liabilities			71,313 411 55,000 250,000 376,724
	NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted for: Debt service Community betterment Unrestricted		Name of the last	5,872,049 1,529 90,587 2,410,972
Net position		\$	8,375,137

<u>CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA</u> <u>STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – MODIFIED CASH BASIS</u> FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Net (Expense)

			P	Revenue and Changes in Net Position					
Functions/Programs	Expenses		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		ng Capital nd Grants and		Gov	vernmental
Governmental activities:	¢ 671.922	c		\$		\$		\$	671,823
General government	\$ 671,823	Ф	·=	Ф	-	Ф	3	Ф	
Public health and safety	45,306		85		155		353		45,306 293,002
Public works	293,002		172.070		1.00 h		T-0		
Culture – recreation	457,178		173,079				-		284,099
Debt service	27,224		(=		3 .7 5.		==0		27,224
Keno expenditures	11,557		· ·		: <u>=</u> :		-		11,557
CDBG program	7,087		11 -				: - :		7,087
Community Redevelopment net	2,189		·=						2,189
Transfers	162,340		S = 1		(<u></u>		± . €0		162,340 255,341
Depreciation Total governmental activities	255,341 1,933,047		173,079				12/	-	1,759,968
	General revenue: Taxes Intergovernmental Special assessments Interest income Keno proceeds Local option sales tax Licenses and permits CDBG program Miscellaneous							695,664 827,458 164,866 4,703 13,820 481,439 12,070 52,388 37,232	
		ral : pos			rs				2,289,640 529,672 7,845,465
	Net position –	_						\$	8,375,137

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY PRIMARY GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

ASSETS

	-	Gove						
Acceptan	General			Debt Special General Service Revenue Ke			Total	
Assets: Cash in bank	\$	2,272,576	¢	1,529	\$	90,587	¢	2,364,692
Certificates of deposit	Φ	75,150	Ψ	1,329	Ψ	90,367	Ψ	75,150
Cash in custody of County Treasurer		63,657		_		_		63,657
Special assessments receivable			_	71,313	_		_	71,313
Total assets	\$	2,411,383	<u>\$</u>	72,842	\$	90,587	\$_	2,574,812
LIABIL	ITIE	ES AND FUN	ND :	EQUITY				
Liabilities:				2)				
Deferred revenue – special assessments	\$	*	\$	71,313	\$	72	\$	71,313
Other liabilities	-	411	-			(ex	-	411
Total liabilities		411	=	71,313	_		_	71,724
Fund equity:								
Restricted for:				1.520				1 520
Debt service				1,529		00.597		1,529
Community betterment Unassigned		2,410,972				90,587		90,587 2,410,972
Oliassiglica	-	2,710,9/2	=		-		N===	2,710,972
Total fund equity	2	2,410,972	_	1,529	-	90,587	-	2,503,088
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$	2,411,383	\$	72,842	\$	90,587	\$_	2,574,812

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA

RECONCILIATION OF COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS - TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

8,375,137

Net position of governmental activities

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GENERAL AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS – PRIMARY GOVERNMENT – MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Governmental Fund Types								
	1,			Debt		Special			
		General		Service		enue Keno	_	Total	
Receipts:									
Taxes - personal property	\$	649,284	\$	46,380	\$	ne.	\$	695,664	
Taxes – sales		-		481,439		-		481,439	
Special assessments		: <u>*</u> :		164,866		-		164,866	
Licenses and permits		12,070		: -		=		12,070	
Intergovernmental		827,458				=		827,458	
Charges for services		173,079		-		ij		173,079	
Miscellaneous		41,935			,		_	41,935	
Total receipts		1,703,826	_	692,685	3	2		2,396,511	
Disbursements:									
Current:									
General government		671,823		9 .0 9		=		671,823	
Public works		293,002		-		×		293,002	
Public health and safety		45,306		64		ù		45,306	
Cultural and recreational		457,178		0,50		-		457,178	
Debt service:									
Principal retirement		: = :		390,000		=		390,000	
Interest		-		27,149		<u> </u>		27,149	
Bond handling fee		25		75		H		75	
Total disbursements		1,467,309	_	417,224				1,884,533	
Excess of receipts over disbursements	:	236,517		275,461	===;;	-		511,978	
Other financing sources									
Other financing sources:		52,388		-		w(*)		52,388	
CDBG programs		22,300				13,820		13,820	
Gross keno proceeds Transfer from other fund		273,939		-		15,620		273,939	
	==	326,327				13,820	-	340,147	
Total other financing sources		320,327	·			13,020		340,147	
Other financing uses:								5 005	
CDBG programs		7,087		#		-		7,087	
Keno expenditures				ž		11,557		11,557	
Capitalized outlays – net		391,256		-		5		391,256	
Community Redevelopment Authority – net		2,189		-		-		2,189	
Transfers		162,340		2		2		162,340	
Transfer to other fund	-			273,932		7		273,939	
Total other financing uses		562,872	-	273,932	-	11,564	-	848,368	
Excess (deficit) of receipts and other									
financing sources over (under) disbursements		. 							
and other financing uses		(28))	1,529		2,256		3,757	
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	2,411,000	_	<u> </u>		88,331		2,499,331	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$</u>	2,410,972	\$	1,529	\$	90,587	\$	2,503,088	

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds	\$ 3,757
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while government activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets: Capital outlays - net Depreciation 391,256 (255,341)	135,915
Warrant and bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of warrants and bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which repayment exceeded proceeds.	390,000
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 529,672

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Auburn is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska located in Nemaha County. It was first incorporated in 1872 and operates under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of Nebraska. The City operates under the Mayor-Council form of government with the Mayor and Council Members elected on a nonpartisan basis. The City provides numerous services to citizens including public safety, public works, culture, recreation, public improvements and general administrative services.

This summary of significant accounting policies of the City of Auburn, Nebraska is presented to assist in understanding the City's financial statements. The combined financial statements and notes are representations of the City's management, which is responsible for their integrity and objectivity.

Reporting Entity

The financial statements include all funds of the City, except for the Board of Public Works. Other than for this exception, the criteria specified by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board have been applied in determining the scope of the reporting entity for financial reporting purposes. Specifically, those agencies, offices, organizations, commissions, and public authorities over which the City's elected officials exercise oversight responsibility are included in the financial statements. Manifestations of oversight responsibility are include: 1) financial interdependency, 2) selection of governing authority, 3) designation of management, 4) ability to significantly influence operations, and 5) accountability for fiscal matters.

Related Organizations

The Auburn Board of Public Works is a related organization but is excluded from the financial reporting entity because the City's accountability does not extend beyond making appointments. An audit of the Auburn Board of Public Works will be completed for the year ending December 31, 2016 and will be filed under separate cover.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The City's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the City as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the City's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The general services that the City performs for its citizens are classified as governmental activities. The City's utilities including electric, water and sewer are classified as business-type activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental and business-type activities columns are presented on a consolidated basis by column. The governmental and fiduciary activities are reported on a cash basis, and the business-type activity is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis. The City's net position is reported in three parts – invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted for debt services; and unrestricted net position. The City first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Government-Wide Financial Statements - Continued

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the City's governmental functions and business-type activities. The net costs of each governmental function are also supported by general government revenues (property taxes, sales and use taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, etc.). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the governmental function or business-type activity. Operating grants include operation-specific and discretionary grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the City are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its asset, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the City:

Governmental Fund Types

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the City:

<u>General Fund</u> is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term principal, interest and related costs.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the basic financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

In the government-wide financial statements, the activities are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. On an accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned. Expenditures are recorded when liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting - Continued

In the fund financial statements, both funds are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, that is, when they become both measureable and available. Available means collectable within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recognized in the period the liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds from long-term debt are reported as other financing sources in governmental funds.

When an expenditure is incurred in governmental funds which can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the City's policy is to pay the expenditure from restricted fund balances and then from less restrictive classifications – committed, assigned and then unassigned fund balances.

Property tax revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Revenues on special assessments and miscellaneous revenues are recognized as the amounts are collected. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measureable and available.

Financial Statement Accounts

Cash and Certificates of Deposit

The City considers highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Investments in debt securities are carried at fair value and cash deposits at financial institutions are carried at cost, which reasonably estimate fair value. Income from investments held by the individual funds is recorded in the respected funds as it is earned.

Capital Assets

Government-Wide Statements

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment and infrastructure assets, are reported in the government-wide statements. Capital assets are defined as assets that have initial lives that extend beyond a single reporting period. Capital assets are stated at cost or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated assets, which are recorded at their fair values when donated.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Financial Statement Accounts - Continued

Capital Assets - Continued

The City maintains the following minimum capitalization thresholds for capital assets:

Building and improvements	\$ 50,000
Land improvements	\$ 20,000
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	\$ 15,000
Infrastructure	\$ 40,000

The City has elected to capitalize governmental fund type infrastructure, consisting primarily of street improvements, on a prospective basis. Consequently, the financial statements do not include infrastructure prior to October 1, 2003 with the exception of significant street projects.

Major expenditures for property and those which substantially increase useful lives, are capitalized. Maintenance, repairs and minor renewals, and capital assets purchased under the capitalization threshold, are expensed when incurred. When capital assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, their costs and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and resulting gains or losses are included in income. Net interest cost relating to construction is capitalized.

Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	15 - 50 years
Improvements	7 - 30 years
Equipment	7 - 30 years
Vehicles	7 - 15 years
Street	30 - 40 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets (arising from cash transactions) acquired for use in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets acquired for use in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and certificates of deposit that are restricted as to their use. The primary restricted assets are related to revenue bonds payable and outstanding warrants payable.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Financial Statement Accounts - Continued

Long-Term Debt

All long-term debt arising from cash basis transactions to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements.

Long-term debt arising from cash basis transactions of governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest are reported as expenditures.

Net Position/Fund Equity

The government-wide fund financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as invested in capital assets (net of related debt), restricted and unrestricted.

- Invested in capital assets, net of related debt This category groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and outstanding balance of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these assets reduce the balance in this category.
- Restricted net position This category presents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net position This category represents net position of the City not restricted for any project or other purpose.

Fund equity – In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

- Nonspendable Amounts which cannot be spent because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted Amounts restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of the resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantor or state or federal laws or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed Amounts which can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints formally imposed by the City through ordinance or resolution approved prior to year end. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City removes or changes the specified use by taking the same action it employed to commit those amounts.
- Assigned Amounts the City intends to use for specific purposes.
- Unassigned All amounts not included in other classifications.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Property Tax Revenues

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on September 1, and are payable in two installments on the following May 1 and September 1. All taxes are delinquent the September 1 following the year levied. The County bills and collects property taxes and remits them to the City monthly.

Budgets

The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. Prior to September 10, the Mayor submits to the City Council, a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Prior to September 20, the budget is legally enacted through the passage of an ordinance.

Total expenditures may not legally exceed total budget appropriations. Appropriations lapse at year-end and any revisions require Board approval.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the other comprehensive basis of accounting (OCBOA) used by the City requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Concentration of Credit Risk

All taxes, which are collected through the Nemaha County Treasurer, are from property owners within the City. Consequently, the City's ability to collect the taxes may be affected by economic fluctuations near the City of Auburn, Nebraska. To date, such concentrations of credit risk have not had a material effect on the financial statements.

2. Cash and Certificates of Deposit

Deposit risks include:

- <u>Custodial Credit Risk</u> for deposits, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of a bank or other counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its deposits or collateral securities in the possession of a third party.
- <u>Credit Risk</u> for deposits, credit risk is the risk that a bank or other counterparty defaults on its own principal and/or interest payments owed to the City.
- <u>Interest Rate Risk</u> for deposits, interest rate risk is the risk that the value of deposits will decrease as a result of a rise in interest rates.

2. Cash and Certificates of Deposit - Continued

State statutes authorize the City to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidence of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the City Council. The City currently invests in only certificates of deposit, which as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, the City has no equity investments as of September 30, 2016.

State law requires all funds in depositories to be fully insured or collateralized, and the City's policy is to require depositories to provide pledged securities to cover deposits in excess of FDIC limits. At September 30, 2016, the City's deposits were fully insured or collateralized.

As of September 30, 2016, the carrying amount of the City's pooled cash accounts at one bank was \$2,396,090. In addition, the City has investments in the form of certificates of deposit worth \$75,150 at another bank at September 30, 2016. Of the total City deposits, \$500,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, \$2,105,000 was covered by various County, City and school district bond certificates and \$500,000 and was covered by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation notes held in the pledging bank's trust department in the City's name in the form of joint safekeeping receipt. The pledged assets exceeded the total pooled cash accounts at the bank of \$2,471,240 by \$633,760 on September 30, 2016.

3. Cash in Custody of County Treasurer

The City of Auburn, Nebraska has additional cash held for its account by the Nemaha County Treasurer. The changes in the funds held are as follows:

	Fund								
						Debt			
		TIF	General		Service			Total	
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$	=	\$	35,058	\$	2,343	\$	37,401	
Receipts:									
Tax collections									
(net of collection fee)		239,870		516,432		41,522		797,824	
Interest on tax collection		=		3,568		287		3,855	
Homestead exemption (net of collection fe	e)	뷺		30,340		2,439		32,779	
Car line tax allocation		*		124		10		134	
Motor vehicle		=		72,254		/#.		72,254	
Pro-rate		2		1,382		111		1,493	
Property tax relief			_	25,184		2,011		27,195	
Total receipts		239,870		649,284		46,380	_	935,534	
Disbursements Remitted to City		(239,870)	_	(624,976)		(44,432)	_	(909,278)	
Balance, September 30, 2016	\$		\$_	59,366	\$	4,291	\$	63,657	

4. Special Assessments Receivable

Revenue from special assessments has been deferred and is being amortized to revenue as payments are collected in the governmental activities financial statements.

Special assessments were against certain properties within the district in connection with the construction of street improvements. Special assessments bear interest at 7.00% - 8.00% per annum until delinquent and at the rate specified by law thereafter until paid. The City received \$122,633 of principal and \$44,748 of interest on special assessments during the year. They issued \$0 in new assessments and as of September 30, 2016, the balance remaining to collect was \$71,313.

5. Capital Assets

All capital assets are carried at their original cost. A summary is presented below:

	Balance tember 30, 2015	A	dditions	D	eletions	Sep	Balance otember 30, 2016
Land	\$ 407,023	\$:	\$	<u> </u>	\$	407,023
Building and							ŕ
improvements	4,067,825		42,920		=		4,110,745
Equipment	767,890		¥		ä		767,890
Vehicles	671,591		234,205		54,400		851,396
Street	4,044,954		114,131	7	2		4,159,085
	9,959,283		391,256		54,400	-	10,296,139
Less accumulated							
depreciation	3,918,149		255,341		54,400	-	4,119,090
Capital assets, net of accumulated							
depreciation	\$ 6,041,134	\$	135,915	\$		\$	6,177,049

The City recorded depreciation expense of \$255,341 for the year ended September 30, 2016.

6. Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on December 31 and are payable in two installments on May 1 and September 1. The County bills and collects property taxes and remits to the City monthly. Property taxes are recognized as revenues when they are received by the County Treasurer.

The tax levy for the 2015-2016 fiscal year was \$623,122 or \$.4754 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The total assessed valuation was \$131,079,598 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

7. Retirement Commitments

The City provides pension benefits for all of its full-time employees through a defined contribution plan. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate after one anniversary year of service and after reaching age 21. Enrollment in the plan is voluntary. Participation in the plan requires that the employee contribute 4% of the employee's monthly salary. The City is required to contribute 6% of participating employee salaries. The City's contributions for each employee (and interest allocated to the employee's account) are partially vested after each year of service and fully vested after 5 years of service. The City's contribution and related interest forfeited by employees is used to reduce the City's current period contribution requirement.

The total payroll and eligible payroll for the City for the year ended September 30, 2016 was \$400,596 and \$197,984, respectively. The City's share of the contribution was \$11,879 and employees contributed \$8,799 for the year ended September 30, 2016.

8. Outstanding Warrants Payable

There were no warrants issued during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

9. Bonds Payable

The 2009 general obligation various purpose bonds for \$875,000 were issued to refinance the warrants payable at June 1, 2009. The bonds bear interest at 2.25% - 4.50% per annum and are repayable in installments of \$50,000 - \$75,000 per year through June 15, 2024. During the current fiscal year the regular payment of \$55,000 was paid. In addition, during the current fiscal year the bond payments for June 15, 2022 through 2024 were called and paid in the amount of \$220,000.

The 2010 highway allocation fund pledge bonds for \$190,000 were issued to refinance certain warrants payable at April 26, 2010. The bonds bear interest at 1.75% - 3.75% per annum and are repayable in installments of \$15,000 - \$25,000 per year through May 15, 2020. During the current fiscal year the bonds were called and paid off.

9. Bonds Payable - Continued

The details of bonds payable are as follows:

2000 G Q V P		Balance tember 30, 2015	I	ssue	_ <u>P</u>	ayments		Balance otember 30, 2016
2009 G.O.V.P. Bonds 2010 H.A.F.P.	\$	580,000	\$	S.E.	\$	275,000	\$	305,000
Bonds	-	115,000	-	(Sec.	-	115,000	-	<u> </u>
	\$	695,000	\$		\$	390,000	\$	305,000

Total debt service of bonds payable to maturity is as follows:

	Interest						
Maturities	Rate	P	rincipal	I	nterest	-	Total
2017	3.35	\$	55,000	\$	21,105	\$	76,105
2018	3.55		60,000		19,263		79,263
2019	3.75		60,000		17,132		77,132
2020	3.95		65,000		14,883		79,883
2021	4.10		65,000		12,315		77,315
Total		\$	305,000	\$	84,698	\$	389,698

For the year ending September 30, 2016, the interest paid was \$27,149, and the agent fee was \$75.

10. Lease Commitments

On November 28, 2012, the City entered into a three-year interlocal agreement with Nemaha County to provide complete law enforcement services and duties to the City by the Nemaha County Sheriff's Office. During the fiscal year, the City paid the County \$76,500 for October through December, 2015 and \$237,000 for January through September, 2016 for a total of \$313,500 for the fiscal year. The interlocal agreement has been extended through December 2016 with monthly payments of \$26,333. Under the extended interlocal agreement, the City is also required to give the county \$10,000 for replacement vehicle costs. The City gave the county three of its patrol vehicles in January 2013 (net book value of \$56,073) to satisfy this requirement for 2013 – 2015. The annual minimum commitment is as follows:

2017 \$ 79,000

11. Keno Operation

In March, 2012, the City contracted with Zelinger Keno, Inc. to operate the keno activity in Auburn, Nebraska. The operator maintains a separate self-balancing set of accounts for the keno activity in a trust-type manner. On a monthly basis, the net proceeds are transferred to the City and deposited in the City of Auburn keno account. This account has been combined with other general fund activities in the foregoing financial statements. A summary of the keno account activity for the twelve months ended September 30, 2016 is as follows.

Balance - beginning of period	\$	88,331
Receipts:		
Interest		150
Proceeds from operator		10,583
Total receipts	-	10,733
Disbursements:		
Community betterment -		
Bandshell		2,100
Fireworks		2,500
Music in the Park		2,100
Nebraska sales tax		1,677
State license		100
Total disbursements	3	8,477
Balance - end of period	\$	90,587

12. Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss, including those related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions, and natural disasters. Significant losses are covered by commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage or settlement amounts exceeding insurance coverage for the current year or in the past three fiscal years.

13. Contingencies:

Compensated Absences

The City allows its employees to accumulate vacation hours for future use or for payment upon termination, retirement or death. This accumulation is not recognized as an expenditure by the City until used or paid. The City's approximate liability for unrecognized employee vacation pay was \$24,526 at September 30, 2016.

Sick pay can only be used if the employee is sick and is not payable upon termination, retirement or death. This accumulation is not recognized as an expenditure by the City until used or paid. The City's approximate liability for unrecognized employee sick pay was \$31,480 at September 30, 2016.

13. Contingencies – Continued:

Community Development Block Grant

The City participates in a number of federally assisted programs, principal of which is the Community Development Block Grant. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The audits of these programs for, or including the twelve months ended September 30, 2016, have not yet been conducted. Accordingly, the City's compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the City expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

14. Loan Agreement with Nebraska Department of Economic Development

On August 23, 1993, the City signed a contract with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant. The City then loaned these funds to a business located in Auburn. The City's liability for repayment of this contract is limited to the principal amounts the City receives as repayment from the local business, if the repayments are not reinvested in a like grant project. During the current year, \$0 of principal was paid back and \$84 of interest earned and \$0 was reloaned out to another business and \$322 was expended for fees. At September 30, 2016, the City had \$42,105 in its C.D.B.G. reuse account.

15. Community Redevelopment Authority

The City has entered into several Tax Incremental Financing projects through its Community Redevelopment Authority. The City combined its redevelopment plan for a blighted area known as Auburn #1 and SE Property Area into the Bucket TIF. Within this area the City is collecting incremental taxes that can be used on façade restorations, street improvements, alley resurfacing, parking areas and other exterior infrastructure improvements. During the year, the City collected tax receipts of \$217,001, interest of \$1,362 and loan repayment of \$1,064. Total expenditures were \$108,483, consisting of \$320 for legal fees, \$84 for publishing costs and \$108,079 for loan payments. The balance in the project is \$877,115 at September 30, 2016. The City has a second redevelopment plan known as NW Sewer Area, which has been expanded to cover the same area as the Bucket TIF. Initially, the plan was to be used to acquire necessary easements and construct and install a sanitary sewer main through the development area, together with related and ancillary improvements. The City has collected no tax receipts and earned interest of \$0. Total expenditures were \$0. The balance in the project is \$0 at September 30, 2016.

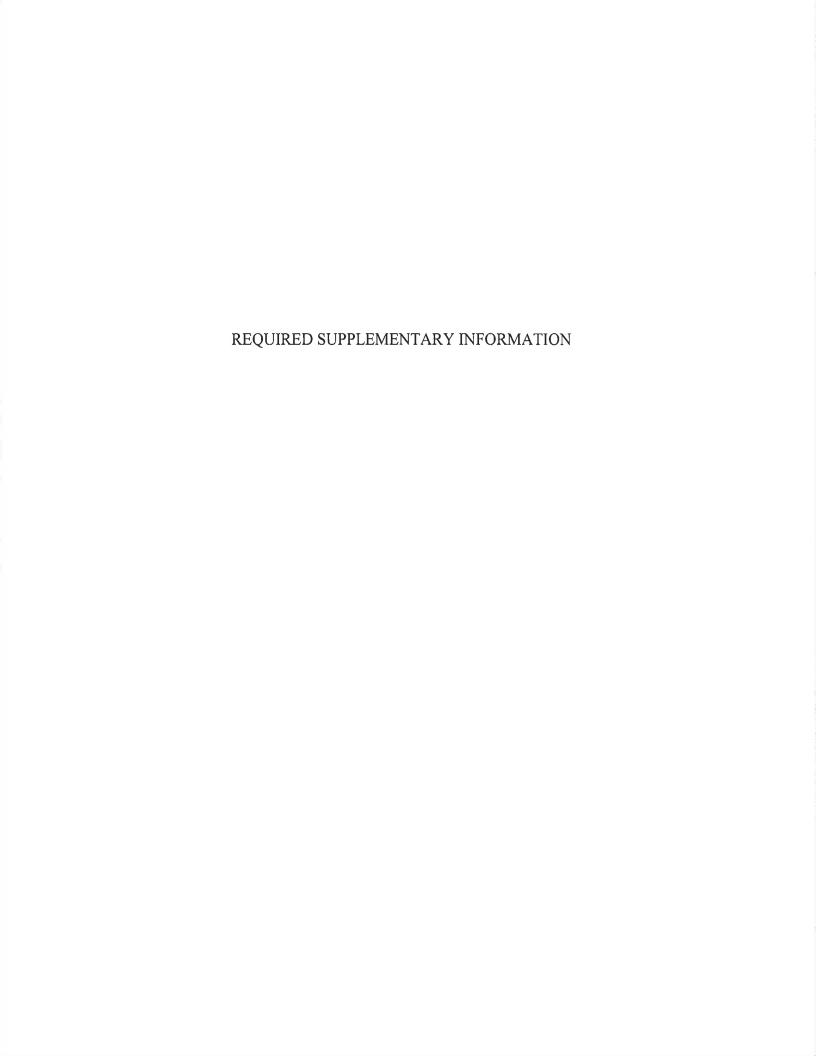
The other type is a Tax Allocation Borrower/ Lender Plan used to finance commercial ventures whereby the City borrows funds from a bank and then reloans these funds to the entity. The loan repayments are set on a 15-year term with a fixed interest rate. The County Treasurer collects the TIF taxes, remits the same to the City, and the City in turn makes the loan payment directly to the bank for the entity. The City currently has six TIF Redevelopment Projects in process with five entities. Each TIF Redevelopment Project is approved by the City Council on a separate resolution. To date the City has borrowed \$854,706 and reloaned \$790,816 of these funds. During the year \$22,869 was collected through TIF taxes and earned \$0 in interest. Total expenditures were \$22,133 for TIF loan repayments. The balance in this project is \$746 at September 30, 2016.

16. Subsequent Events

The City evaluated subsequent events after the balance sheet date of September 30, 2016 through December 5, 2016, which was the date the financial statements were issued. The City has concluded there are no subsequent events, which have occurred from September 30, 2016 through December 5, 2016, which require additional disclosure.

17. Loan Agreement with Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

On April 13, 2009, the City adopted a loan resolution authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing portions of the cost of repairing and improving the Board of Public Works' Water Supply System. A loan, dated July 13, 2009, between the City and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) was designated as Project No. D311499. The City further resolved that the Board of Public Works be authorized and directed to sign all necessary documents to furnish such assurances to the State of Nebraska as may be required by law or regulations and to receive all payments. As the asset is shown as being part of the Board of Public Works, all debt activity is also shown as being part of the Board of Public Works. The outstanding NDEQ loan was \$4,007,831 at December 31, 2015.



CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA COMBINED STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -

GENERAL, DEBT SERVICE AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS – PRIMARY GOVERNMENT BUDGETARY BASIS

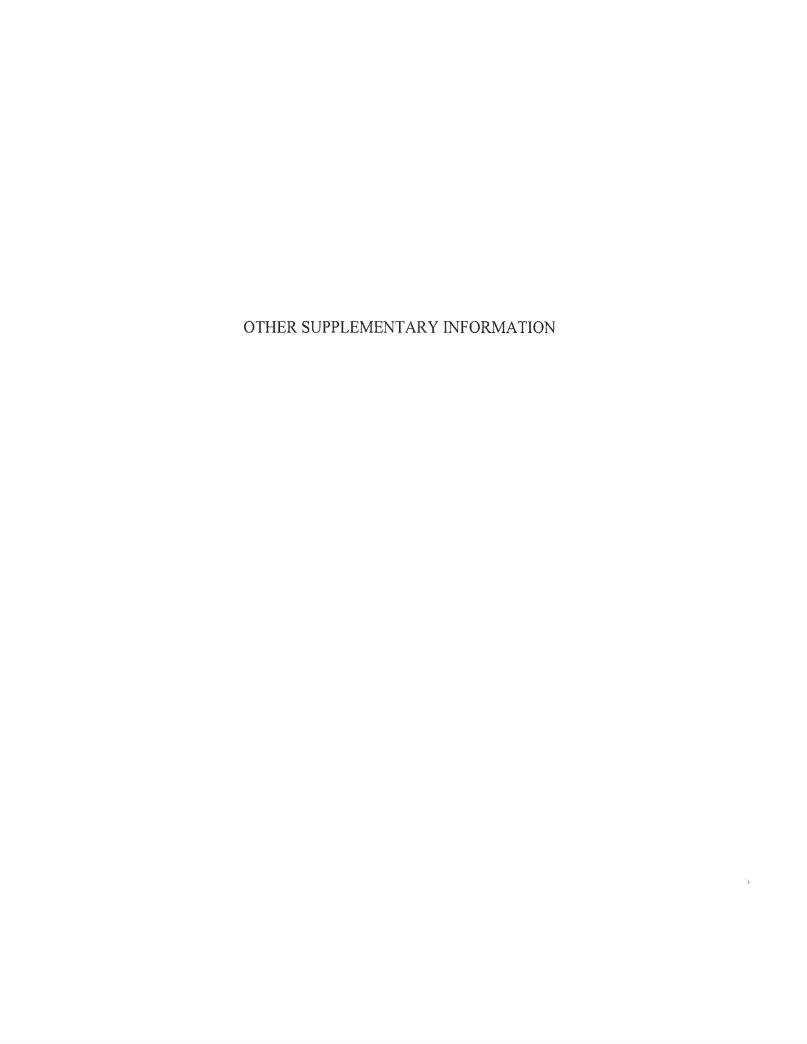
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Receipts:	Original Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual	Variance with Budget Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Taxes – personal property	\$ 687,313	3 \$ 695,665	\$ 8,352
Taxes – sales	400,000	·	81,439
Special assessments levied	42,740		122,126
Licenses and permits	13,000	•	(930)
Intergovernmental	1,729,25	•	(893,880)
Charges for services	133,20		39,879
Miscellaneous	15,81		27,797
Total receipts	3,021,32	2,406,106	(615,217)
Disbursements: Current:			
General government	654,45	5 644,427	10,028
Public works	391,133	3 293,002	98,131
Public health and safety	44,63	5 45,306	(671)
Cultural and recreational	584,77	5 457,178	127,597
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	390,00	0 390,000	* :
Interest	26,83	8 27,148	(310)
Bond handling fee			(75)
Total disbursements	2,091,83		234,700
Excess of receipts over disbursements	929,48	548,970	(380,517)
Other financing sources:			
CDBG programs	360,00	0 52,388	(307,612)
Gross keno proceeds	16,00	0 13,820	(2,180)
Miscellaneous	:€	×	34 0
Transfer from other funds	100,00		(100,000)
Total other financing sources	476,00	0 66,208	(409,792)
Other financing uses:			1/-
CDBG programs	584,55	•	577,466
Keno expenditures	103,64	·	92,083
Community Redevelopment Authority – net	106.24	2,189	(2,189)
Transfers	186,34		(3,396)
Capitalized outlays	1,760,40		1,369,144
Total other financing uses	2,634,93	3 601,825	2,033,108
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other financing sources over (under) disbursements			
and other financing uses	\$ (1,229,44	<u>6</u>) <u>\$ 13,353</u>	\$ 1,242,799

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMER 30, 2016

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The City prepares its budgets on the cash basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenues are recognized when cash is received by the City and expenditures are recognized when cash is disbursed. The basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this method of accounting, all unexpended appropriations lapse at the end of the budget year.



CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA SUMMARY OF REVENUES RECEIVED – MODIFIED CASH BASIS GENERAL AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (SUPPLEMENTARY DATA)

	Governmenta			
)———			
	General	Service	Totals	
Taxes:				
General property and other taxes	\$ 613,870	\$ 43,533	\$ 657,403	
Interest on tax collections	3,568	287	3,855	
Sales tax	5	481,439	481,439	
Homestead exemption allocation	30,340	2,439	32,779	
Car line tax	124	10	134	
Motor vehicle pro-rate tax allocation	1,382	111	1,493	
Total taxes	649,284	527,819	1,177,103	
Special assessments collected	**	164,866	164,866	
Licenses and permits	12,070	? :	12,070	
Intergovernmental:				
Auburn Board of Public Works	117,952	-	117,952	
Highway incentive payments	4,000	÷	4,000	
State revenue sharing:				
Highway allocation	351,601	-	351,601	
Motor vehicle fee	29,458	ü	29,458	
Equalization	213,039	Ħ	213,039	
Nemaha Cty MFO	10,637	÷	10,637	
Grant income	97,091	-	97,091	
State license and fines	3,680	-	3,680	
Total intergovernmental	827,458	<u> </u>	827,458	
Charges for services:				
Recreation Committee	44,578	-	44,578	
Pool receipts	61,141	₩	61,141	
Lessons	6,890	÷	6,890	
Franchise fees	60,470		60,470	
Total charges for services	173,079	-	173,079	
Miscellaneous:				
Investment income	4,703	*:	4,703	
Other	37,232	<u> </u>	37,232	
Total miscellaneous	41,935		41,935	
Total	\$ 1,703,826	\$ 692,685	\$ 2,396,511	

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES PAID – MODIFIED CASH BASIS GENERAL FUND SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (SUPPLEMENTARY DATA)

	General Government	Cultural and Recreational	Public Health and Safety	Public Works	Total
Salaries/Personal services	\$ 129,123	\$ 151,101	\$ 6,000	\$ 114,372	\$ 400,596
Employee benefits	38,712	25,526	5,240	36,274	105,752
Utilities	8,837	40,774	6,367	7,635	63,613
Repairs and maintenance	20,972	50,001	12,420	21,177	104,570
Meeting expense	3,399	89	654	=	4,142
Insurance	5,332	9,587	4,360	5,495	24,774
Recreation expenses		43,266	-	***	43,266
Audit and consultation	82,593	:2	=	§'	82,593
Memberships and schools	8,347	422	1,912	¥	10,681
Office supplies and services	6,272	-	-	12	6,284
Licenses and taxes	3,769	(**)	=	2	3,769
Custodial services	: - :	13,811	600	4,343	18,754
Miscellaneous	613	3,517	105	Ę.	4,235
Gas, oil and tires	ó + 0	(=	-	14,474	14,474
Supplies	-	34,210	657	21,385	56,252
Books	-	16,701	22	=	16,701
Interlocal costs					,
of law enforcement	313,500	:=:	7/ - 4	2 2	313,500
Grant expenditures	10,746	3.45	-	2	10,746
Economic development	7,000	-	-	5	7,000
Trees and care	5,212	:=:	9=	a a	5,212
Land rent	=	-	S =	6,000	6,000
Hangar payment	27,396	121	1 <u>⊆</u>	<u>a</u>	27,396
Sales tax remitted	i#:	3,724	(****	_	3,724
Fire chief expenses			1,050	-	1,050
Capital outlay –					ŕ
noncapitalized	-	64,449	5,941	61,835	132,225
Totals	\$ 671,823	<u>\$ 457,178</u>	<u>\$ 45,306</u>	\$ 293,002	\$ 1,467,309

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES PAID – MODIFIED CASH BASIS GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUND SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (SUPPLEMENTARY DATA)

	General Fund		Police		Total	
Salaries/Personal services	\$	129,123	\$	·=	\$	129,123
Employee benefits		38,712		-		38,712
Utilities		8,837		:=		8,837
Repairs and maintenance		10,972		10,000		20,972
Meeting expense		3,399		:: <u>←</u> :		3,399
Insurance		5,332		=		5,332
Audit and consultation		82,593		-		82,593
Memberships and schools		8,347		: = :		8,347
Office supplies and services		6,272		· ·		6,272
Licenses and taxes		3,769				3,769
Miscellaneous		613		(*		613
Tree program expense		5,212		•		5,212
Hangar payment		27,396		3.55		27,396
Interlocal costs of law enforcement		_		313,500		313,500
Grant expenditures		10,746		3 4 3		10,746
Economic development		7,000		•		7,000
Totals	\$	348,323	\$	323,500	\$	671,823

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES PAID - MODIFIED CASH BASIS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL - PART OF GENERAL FUND SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (SUPPLEMENTARY DATA)

	Parks	Recreation Committee	Swimming Pool	Library	Senior Citizen	Total
Salaries/Personal						
services	\$ 16,663	\$ -	\$ 66,889	\$ 67,549	\$ -	\$ 151,101
Employee benefits	1,945	S S	9,295	14,286	-	25,526
Utilities	16,369	12	9,486	7,122	7,797	40,774
Repairs and				•	•	·
maintenance	17,727	Œ	12,861	10,460	8,953	50,001
Meeting expenses	¥	8#	₹ = 5	89	:¥ 8	89
Insurance	3,730	(=	1,605	3,094	1,158	9,587
Recreation expenses	2	43,266	-	==	3	43,266
Custodial services	-	0 0 0	3,042	8,489	2,280	13,811
Membership and						
schools	¥	92	·	422	(4)	422
Miscellaneous	2,869		139	509	; ?	3,517
Supplies	9,304	12 m	18,496	6,120	290	34,210
Books	*	((€)	38	16,701	* €	16,701
Sales tax remitted	8	()	3,724	-		3,724
Capital outlay –						
noncapitalized		() =	56,449	8,000	1 7 6	64,449
Totals	\$ 68,607	\$ 43,266	\$ 181,986	\$ 142,841	\$ 20,478	\$ 457,178

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (SUPPLEMENTARY DATA)

	Federal		Program			
Program	_CFDA #_	R	Receipts		Expenditures	
Department of Housing and Economic Development: Community		:1 <u></u>	•			
Development Block						
Grants:						
	#91-ED-006: Reuse #10-DTR-007 #09-HO-6044	\$	22,680 29,708 52,388	\$	322	
Administration Project expenses Reuse miscellaneous expense			** ** **		6,765	
	1	\$	52,388	\$	7,087	

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (SUPPLEMENTARY DATA)

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in these Schedules may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

2. Reporting Entity

The City of Auburn, for purposes of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, includes all funds for which the City is financially accountable.

3. Pass Through Awards

The City receives certain federal awards in the form of pass-through awards from the State of Nebraska and other various agencies. Such amounts received as pass-through awards are specifically identified on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

4. Contingencies

The City receives funds under various federal grant programs, and such assistance is to be expended in accordance with the provisions of the various grants. Compliance with the grants is subject to audit by various government agencies, which may impose sanctions in the event of noncompliance. Management believes that they have complied with all material aspects of the various grant provisions and the results of adjustments, if any, relating to such audits would not have any material financial impacts.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Auburn Auburn, Nebraska

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Auburn, Nebraska as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Auburn, Nebraska's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2016. Our report contains an adverse and qualified opinion because of the omission of an enterprise fund and an explanatory paragraph regarding use of a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Auburn, Nebraska's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Auburn, Nebraska's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Auburn, Nebraska's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Auburn, Nebraska's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2016-1 and 2016-2.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the City of Auburn, Nebraska in a separate letter dated December 5, 2016.

City of Auburn's Response to Findings

The City of Auburn, Nebraska's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. The City of Auburn, Nebraska's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Certified Public Accountants

Massman Nelson Reinig PC

Omaha, Nebraska December 5, 2016

CITY OF AUBURN, NEBRASKA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

As noted in our independent auditor's report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we identified two findings that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Significant Deficiencies

2016-1

The City Clerk has access to or responsibility for certain duties that compromise the segregation of duties. The City Clerk has access to cash, prepares bank deposits, reconciles bank accounts and can prepare and post journal entries.

Council Response

The City acknowledges the compromises to its segregation of duties based on current staffing levels. The City has assigned the City Treasurer to oversee the City Clerk. He reviews and approves all payment vouchers prior to each City Council meeting and reviews all journal entries. Other than the latter, the City does not believe the benefits of eliminating this significant deficiency outweigh the cost of adding more accounting personnel to the City's current staff.

2016-2

The City Clerk lacks the expertise to detect and correct a potential misstatement in the presentation of its financial statements or notes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Accounting Standards*.

Council Response

The City acknowledges its lack of financial reporting expertise to prepare its financial statements or notes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Accounting Standards*. However, the City does not believe the benefits of eliminating this material weakness outweigh the cost of adding more accounting personnel to the City's current staff. Therefore, the City will continue to outsource this function.